

INVITATION FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES

Colorado Department of Transportation

Statewide

Project; Division of Transit and Rail's Interregional Connectivity Study (ICS) Public Notice for Professional Consultants

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) intends to hire one (1) Professional Consultant for this Project. The selected Consultant will contract to provide Project Specific services to include those specific services set forth below.

DESCRIPTION: The primary purpose of the Interregional Connectivity Study (ICS) is to serve as a planning document and provide preliminary recommendations for High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) alignments, technologies and station locations in the Denver Metropolitan Region. In 2009 the Federal Railroad Authority (FRA) gave CDOT grant money to study north-south and east-west high-speed rail corridors in the state. The ICS is based on the premise that both of these high-speed rail corridors are feasible. Initial feasibility was determined from findings of the Rocky Mountain Rail Authority's High-Speed Rail Feasibility Study (March 2010), and the I-70 Mountain Corridor Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (FPEIS) (March 2011).

The ICS is focused on maximizing ridership and minimizing competition between any proposed HSIPR corridors and present or future RTD FasTracks services. The study will also determine optimal locations for the north-south (Colorado Front Range Corridor) alignment from Fort Collins to Pueblo, and the east-west alignment from Denver International Airport to Eagle County Regional Airport (I-70 Mountain Corridor alignment). Recommendations will allow DTR to implement any proposed high-speed rail lines into the larger multi-modal network, which should complement the existing system, maximize ridership and be cost-effective.

The consultant, alongside CDOT's Project Management Team, will be responsible for: a detailed work plan; an inventory review of existing rail infrastructure; a set of criteria used in scenario development; a revenue and demand forecast; capital cost estimation; operating and maintenance cost estimation; financial analysis; a social and environmental impacts assessment; recommendations and next steps; and a final study copy for review by the FRA, CDOT's Division of Transit and Rail and other stakeholders.

This Project-Specific contract work will be done on an "as needed basis." The term, "as needed," means that neither CDOT nor the Consultant has an obligation under the contract unless and until a task order is issued. A contract resulting from the Invitation for Consultant Services is considered a "pricing agreement." CDOT anticipates that the compensation format on this contract will be "Cost Plus Fixed Fee," subject to further review by CDOT.

SPECIAL PROJECT REQUIREMENT: All work is to be performed with the direction and supervision, appropriate to the task, of a Colorado-Licensed Professional Engineer.

Interested Consultants:

The prime firm of each team must be on CDOT's list of prequalified consultants by **August 04, 2011**. Prequalification must be done annually. Consultants who are not prequalified or who have questions regarding their prequalification should immediately contact Mike Dapcevich CDOT Agreements Office at telephone (303) 757-9618.

- **For the Capacity factor included in the Statement of Interest portion of the consultant's submittal, and described in the SOI/WP Preparation Instructions For Consultants, the prime firm must show, for the prime firm or any member of its team, capacity in the following disciplines: Planning; Engineering and Designing Technologies and Alignments; and determining operating characteristics in scenario development for high speed rail.**
- **Submit six (6) copies of the Statement of Interest/Work Plan no later than 12:00 noon local time, THURSDAY August 11, 2011, to:**

Jill Sweeney
Contracting Officer, Agreements Program
Colorado Department of Transportation
4201 E. Arkansas Ave., 4th Floor - Central
Denver, CO 80222

The scope of work along with the latest "Consultant Instructions for the Statement of Interest/Work Plan" and the anticipated consultant selection schedule must be obtained from the address shown above or from the CDOT website: <http://www.dot.state.co.us/Consultants/>
Previous editions of the instructions should not be used.

STATEMENTS OF INTEREST/WORK PLANS RECEIVED AFTER THE TIME AND DATE SPECIFIED WILL BE REJECTED. THE STATEMENT OF INTEREST/WORK PLAN MUST COMPLY WITH CDOT'S STANDARDIZED FORMAT REQUIREMENTS. PLEASE REFER TO THE INSTRUCTIONS. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE REQUIRED FORMAT AS PROVIDED IN THE STATEMENT OF INTEREST/WORK PLAN INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN YOUR SUBMITTAL BEING REJECTED.

Questions of a technical nature regarding this project may be directed to:

Name:	Wendy Wallach
Organization:	CDOT Division of Transit & Rail
Telephone:	(303)757-9008

CDOT will be holding interviews for this consultant selection. From those firms submitting a Statement of Interest/Work Plan (SOI/WP), CDOT will short-list no less than three firms or individuals using the following criteria for final selection: Workload Factor; Project Team; Firm Capability; Past Performance on Similar Projects/Similar Teams; Work Location; Capacity; UDBE Participation; ESB Participation; Project Goals, Project Control, Project Concept, and Project Critical Issues, and Presentation/Interview (if applicable).

NOTE: Firms submitting a Statement of Interest/Work Plan (SOI/WP) must, in their submitted SOI/WP, expressly commit, and identify by name, key employees of their own staff, as well as of the staffs of the sub-consultants on their teams, to be available to do the Work.

UDBE GOAL:

Optional DBE information:

This contract is jointly funded by Colorado FASTER funds and the Federal Rail Administration. The Federal Rail Administration has not adopted the USDOT DBE Program, therefore there is no DBE goal for this contract.

Emerging Small Business:

For the RFP:

Proposer will receive points for the incorporation of eligible Emerging Small Businesses into its Statement of Interest. Points will range from 0 -5 according to the following scale:

- 5 - Superior
- 4 - Satisfactory Plus
- 3 – Satisfactory
- 2 – Satisfactory Minus
- 1 – Unsatisfactory
- 0 – No inclusion

A superior rating will be given for thoughtful integration of Emerging Small Business (ESB) participation throughout the Proposer's Statement of Interest. Thoughtful integration may include the identification of quality opportunities for ESBs, the identification and description of any ESBs that can perform such services, and a commitment to utilize ESBs on the contract. When allocating points in this area, CDOT will also consider whether the Proposer is an eligible ESB and/or creative approaches to the integration of ESBs on the contract (i.e. mentoring, training, outreach, etc.).

A list of the current eligible ESBs can be found on the CDOT website at: <http://www.coloradodot.info/content/business/eo/ESBDirectory.pdf>. To be eligible for the ESB Program, a consulting, research or professional services firm cannot exceed \$2,000,000 annual income averaged over the past three fiscal years. Proposer should recommend any business that falls below such threshold to apply for ESB eligibility. Applicants seeking to participate in this study will be given high priority. For more information contact Katherine Williams at (303) 757-9162 or k.williams@dot.state.co.us.

For the Scoring Sheet:

- 1) Identification of quality opportunities
- 2) Identification and description of ESBs
- 3) Commitments to ESBs
- 4) Creative approaches
- 5) ESB Prime

The type of compensation on this contract is anticipated to be a Cost Plus Fixed Fee format, subject to further review by CDOT.

CDOT assumes no obligation of any kind for expenses incurred by any respondent to this solicitation. The right is also reserved by CDOT to reject any and all submittals.